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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States submits or receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, but in an effort to provide additional opportunity for comment, USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested pursuant to the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU). If such consultations should fail to resolve the matter and a dispute settlement panel is established pursuant to the DSU, such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by Japan

Japan alleges that the DOC and ITC final determinations in the full sunset review of Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Japan issued on August 2, 2002, and November 21, 2000, respectively, are erroneous and based on WTO-inconsistent provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 and related regulations. Japan points in particular to:

- the automatic initiation of the sunset review without sufficient evidence;
- the likelihood standard used in determining whether to revoke or terminate an order, including the “good cause” provision determining whether the DOC may consider other relevant factors;
- the use of original dumping margins without careful examination of dumping and injury;
- the determination of the likelihood of continued dumping on an order-wide basis rather than a company-specific basis;
- the treatment as “zero” of negative dumping margins in the average-to-average or transaction-to-transaction methodologies in calculating dumping margins in sunset reviews;

- the application of a *de minimis* standard of 0.5 percent in sunset reviews;
- the cumulative assessment of the volume and the effect of subject imports “from all countries” where such imports are likely to have a discernible adverse impact on the domestic industry.

Japan contends that these aspects of the final determinations are inconsistent with Articles VI and X of GATT 1994; Articles 2, 3, 5, 6 (including Annex II), 11, 12, and 18.4 of the Antidumping Agreement; and Article XVI:4 of the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be in English. Commenters should send either one copy by U.S. mail, first class, postage prepaid, to Sandy McKinzy at the address listed above, or transmit a copy electronically to japancrsteel@ustr.gov. For documents sent by U.S. mail, USTR requests that the submitter provide a confirmation copy, either electronically or by fax to (202) 395-3640. USTR encourages the submission of documents in Adobe PDF format, as attachments to an electronic mail.

A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy. For any document containing business confidential information submitted by electronic transmission, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters “BC”, and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters “P”. The “P” or “BC” should be followed by the name of the commenter. Interested persons who make submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential

in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

(1) Must so designate the information or advice;

(2) Must clearly mark the material as “SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE” in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy, or appropriately name the electronic file submitted containing such material; and

(3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room, which is located at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute; if a dispute settlement panel is convened, the U.S. submissions to that panel, the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, to the panel received from other participants in the dispute, as well as the report of the panel; and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/DS-244, Japan Corrosion-Resistant Steel Dispute) may be made by calling the USTR Reading Room at (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Christine Bliss,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement/ Section 4(F) Evaluation: Prince George's County, Maryland

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Section 4(f) Evaluation will be prepared for a proposed transportation project in Prince George's County, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Caryn Brookman, Environmental

Protection Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, The Rotunda—Suite 220, 711 West 40th Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21211, Telephone: (410) 962-4342, Extension 130.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Maryland State Highway Administration, will prepare an EIS/Section 4(f) Evaluation on the proposed alternates to improve US 1 and MD 201 in Prince George's County, Maryland. The Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been invited to participate as cooperating agencies.

Continued growth in population and development is creating traffic congestion along existing US 1 and MD 201. The local roadway network will soon reach capacity and will be unable to accommodate future travel demand. Improvements within the corridor will address safety problems and accommodate existing and projected travel demand.

The alternatives under consideration include (1) taking no action; (2) using multi-modal strategies and intersection improvements without the addition of through travel lanes or new roadways; (3) widening US 1 from Sunnyside Avenue to MD 198 and improving intersections on US 1 and MD 201; (4) widening MD 201 from Sunnyside Avenue to Odell Road, providing a new roadway on a new alignment from MD 201 at Odell Road to Ritz Way/Virginia Manor Road, realigning and widening Virginia Manor Road and Van Dusen Road, and improving major intersections on MD 201; (5) widening MD 201 from Sunnyside Avenue to Muirkirk Road, extending MD 201 from Muirkirk Road to Contee Road, and improving major intersections on MD 201 and US 1; (6) widening US 1 from Sunnyside Avenue to MD 198, widening MD 201 from Sunnyside Avenue to Muirkirk Road, extending MD 201 from Muirkirk Road to Contee Road, and widening and improving cross streets (Sunnyside Avenue, Powder Mill Road, Muirkirk Road, and Contee Road) from MD 201 to US 1; and (7) widening US 1 from Sunnyside Avenue to MD 198, widening MD 201 from Sunnyside Avenue to Odell Road, providing a new roadway from MD 201 to Ritz Way/Virginia Manor Road, realigning and widening Virginia Manor Road and Van Dusen Road from Muirkirk to MD 198, and extending MD 201 from Muirkirk Road to Contee Road.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, State and local agencies, private organizations, and to

citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this project. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Fall of 2002. Public notice will be given of the time and place of this hearing.

The draft EIS/Section 4(f) Evaluation will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing. Scoping meetings for the public, agencies, and for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments have been conducted throughout the course of the project.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties.

Comments or questions concerning these proposed actions and the EIS/Section 4(f) Evaluation should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulation implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of Federal Programs and activities apply to this program).

Daniel W. Johnson,

Environmental Program Manager, Baltimore, Maryland.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2002-1617]

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to revise the following currently approved information collection: Customer Service Surveys.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before April 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and be submitted to the United States Department of Transportation, Central Dockets Office, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All

comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Yvonne Griffin, Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366-1727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Customer Service Surveys (OMB Number: 2132-0559).

Background: Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards," requires FTA to identify its customers and determine what they think about FTA's service. The surveys covered in this request for a blanket clearance will provide FTA with a means to gather data directly from its customers. The information obtained from the surveys will be used to assess the kind and quality of services customers want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. The surveys will be limited to data collection that solicit voluntary opinions and will not involve information that is required by regulations.

Respondents: State and local government, public transit operators, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), transit constituents, transit manufacturers, and private transit operators.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: Varies according to survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,035 hours.

Frequency: Annual.

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Dorrie Y. Aldrich,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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